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Crowds flock to two-day Skem Fest fundraiser

Bank staff show their community spirit

Adam Chapman, Chelise Wallace and Joe Harris pictured with the mayor and mayoress

Civic salute for young community volunteers

A TRIO of young, community-volunteers have received recognition from the new Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey.

The couple held a civic reception for Adam Chapman, Joe Harris and Chelise Wallace who represented the borough at the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen of the Year awards.

The trio, who were nominated by Alan Lewis of Skelmersdale Action for Youth (SAY), were all commended at the awards, with Adam getting through to the final.

Alan Lewis said: "These two lads have served the community in Skelmersdale with the cadets, helping with projects and giving up their time for free.

"Chelise Wallace has worked with SAY for the last 12 months, helping to run crazy carts, skating, crossbow and Mad Max carting.

"The civic reception was a chance for Adam, Joe and Chelise to celebrate with other members of their family and have their photographs taken with the mayor and mayoress in his chambers at the council building in Ormskirk.

"The three young people would also like to thank the mayor, his wife, and his staff for a fantastic evening ."

SCHOOLS' APPEAL SET TO RAISE £10K IN MEMORY OF BOMB VICTIMS

Email plea triggers staggering response from townsfolk

BIG-hearted pupils, parents and staff at a group of primary schools in Skelmersdale have launched an appeal which is set to raise more than £10,000 in memory of victims of the Manchester Arena bomb that claimed the lives of 22 people, including two youngsters with links to West Lancashire.

Report by **Henry James**

Liz Ormerod, headteacher at Delph Side Primary in Eskdale, Tanhouse, was prompted to launch an appeal after it was revealed that the first named victims of the suicide bomber were eight-year-old Saffie Rose Roussos and Hesketh Bank teenager, Georgina Callander.

Saffie was a pupil at Tarleton Community Primary whose headteacher, Chris Upton - Liz's predecessor at Delph Side - described her as "a beautiful little girl in every sense of the word" in a tribute following the terror incident.

Liz decided it would be good for local schools to show their support for Saffie's family, friends and fellow pupils in the wake of their tragic loss. And she was staggered by the response.

She said: "I emailed all the SHARES schools heads on the Tuesday to ask if we could show our support and raise some funds for the school and Saffie's friends. The result was non-uniform days galore happening across the town.

"I can't believe the generosity of our families and nearly all the primary schools have got involved."

At Delph Side around £650 has been collected to date with some of the children even bringing in their birthday money to help.

Meanwhile, staff, pupils and parents at Cobbs Brow Primary in Manfield chipped in with more than £850 - with an unnamed donor offering to match-fund the money raised!

And it was a similar story at Little Digmoor Primary, while at St James' Catholic Primary in Ashurst, as well as raising money, they also donated two rose bushes to be planted at Tarleton Primary in Saffie's memory.

Liz Ormerod added: "As I was taking

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Mayoral couple's civic service double date

THE Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil Furey and his wife, Julie, will attend two Civic Sunday Services on Sunday, June 4.

The couple will be guests at the Mayor of South Ribble's Civic Sunday Service at 10.10am at the Leyland St Mary's RC Church.

And at 2.45pm they will attend the Mayor of Rossendale's Civic Sunday Service at the Parish of St Nicholas with St John & St Michael, Newchurch.

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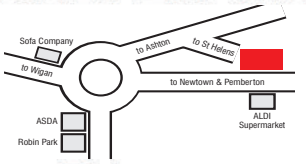

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New mental health service opened within GP practice

Report by **Henry James**

PEOPLE in the borough can now access mental health support within a local GP practice.

The West Lancashire Mindsmatter Service, based at the Matthew Ryder practice in Dingle Road, Up Holland was officially opened by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's chief executive, Professor Heather Tierney-Moore on Wednesday, May 24.

The service had lost their previous accommodation at Daniels Lane in Skelmersdale but is now leasing the recently-built annex at the rear of the Matthew Ryder practice to provide an accessible, community mental health service within a local GP practice.

Mindsmatter provides talking therapies for those aged 16 and over who are experiencing common mental health issues such as anxiety, depression and stress.

Professor Tierney-Moore said: "I am delighted to officially open the West Lancashire Mindsmatter Services new accommodation here at the Matthew Ryder practice. This co-location of services enables mental and primary health care to be provided side-by-side within a therapeutic community setting. The location of the practice and its public transport links means it can be easily accessed by anyone living in the West Lancashire area.

"This collaboration between ourselves and GP practice provides a great example of innovative partnership working in with the national policy.

The new service is officially opened by Professor Heather Tierney-Moore

"The practice has been a great success amongst patients and staff so far and we have received a lot of positive feedback. It is a welcoming and relaxing environment where patients in our care can comfortably attend their mental health appointments here at the Matthew Ryder practice. We look forward to discussing projects similar to this in the future."

Patrick Ryder, senior partner at the Matthew Ryder practice, said: "The opening of the community mental health service for West Lancashire in collaboration with Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust sets a yardstick for other providers to improve the delivery of services. Providing the services closer to home in the community is key to improving access for patients to health services."

Ian Connor, therapist with the West Lancashire Mindsmatter team, added: "When we lost our accommodation at Daniels Lane we recognised the need to find another venue located in the community, which could be easily accessed by our patients. Then one of our reception staff who attended the Matthew Ryder practice mentioned the annexe at the back of the building.

"We have had lots of fantastic feedback and everyone feels comfortable attending their appointments here at our new accommodation."

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Council evicts man after cannabis find and arson attack on property

Court told 23-year-old's presence could be a danger to other tenants

A 23-YEAR-OLD man from Skelmersdale has been evicted by West Lancashire Borough Council after cannabis was found at his home and a severe arson attack led staff to believe his presence could be a danger to other tenants.

Wigan County Court heard that a quantity of the Class B drug consistent with amounts kept for personal use was found at Adam Orr's flat on Elmstead, Tanhouse, after police searched the property under a warrant.

Mr Orr told the court he didn't know who the drugs belonged to. But the judge was told the drugs simply being in the property was a breach of Mr Orr's tenancy agreement.

A council officer told the court that looking at Mr Orr's history as a tenant there had been a serious arson attack on his home which had caused £10,000 of damage.

Mr Orr had told police he had no idea who could have started the fire. However, when the council offered to re-house him to another area while his flat was repaired, he told staff he couldn't go there as he believed the people who had committed the arson lived there.

During summing up of the case in court, the judge accepted the evidence given by the council that Mr Orr had not told police the truth about whether or not he knew who the arsonists were and had not assisted the police in finding the offenders. Therefore he was putting other tenants in the block at risk.

She could not see Mr Orr deciding to co-operate with the police over the fire and as such, with the drugs also being found at the property, she granted outright possession to the council.

Orr's barrister immediately applied to appeal the judgement.The evidence was heard but the judge rejected the appeal and the original decision was upheld.

Mr Orr was formally evicted on Wednesday, May 24. He was not present when the council re-possessed the property.

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, West Lancs Council's director of housing and inclusion, said: "The council has a zero tolerance policy towards drugs being kept in its homes and this case is a warning to our tenants that if they have drugs in their council homes they are likely to face strong legal action."

Dave Tilleray, chairman of West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, added: "This case shows how the council works closely with Lancashire Police on drugs-related issues."

Crowds enjoying last weekend's Skem Fest at The Buffs Community Centre.

Crowds flock to Skem Fest

HUNDREDS of music lovers flocked to the two-day Skem Fest staged at the Quarry Bank Community Gardens at The Buffs in Ormskirk Road, Skelmersdale on Saturday and Sunday (May 27 and 28).

The popular outdoor music festival, which returned to the town last year after a break of almost a decade, ran from noon to 7pm on both days.

A total of 16 bands performed with money raised going to Quarry Bank Community Gardens who do charitable work for the community, including the NHS and mental health organisations.

One of the organisers, Danny Fury, said: "It was absolutely awesome and packed out. Everyone had a great time. People could not believe how good the event was. I think it's good for the town. The weather was fantastic and people had smiles on their faces.

"There must have been 700 to 800 there on the Sunday and on the Saturday there was a steady flow of people.

"I also want to thank all the bands who came from all over the North West to perform and everyone who helped and gave their time for free."

Cancer battler Wendie to be guest of honour at Race for Life event

Report by **Henry James**

FAMILY and friends of a woman living with incurable cancer will walk the course of the Race For Life event at Aintree racecourse on Sunday, June 18 as a tribute to her brave two-year battle.

Wendie Wheeler from Up Holland will be a guest at the 5k event in aid of Cancer Research UK, but will have to watch from the stands while her 70-year--old mum, Pauline, sister Tracy, other family members and friends, take part.

The 43-year-old first started to feel ill about five years ago while working as a supervisor at a nursery. When colleagues went to the gym after work, Wendie was always too exhausted to join them, instead going home to sleep.

By March 2015 though she was in so much pain that, after repeated visits to her GP, she went to the local drop-in centre where doctors felt a solid mass in her stomach and referred her to A&E at Wigan for further tests.

Following a biopsy and a bone marrow test, Wendie was diagnosed with both follicular lymphoma and Hodgkin's lymphoma. Doctors said it was rare to be diagnosed with both at the same time.

Since then mum-of-one Wendie has been having regular chemotherapy and spent most of her time living at the Christie cancer treatment centre in Withington, Manchester.

Initially the treatment appeared to be successful and she went into remission in October 2015, only for the cancer to return.

Wendie Wheeler

A new combination of drugs was tried and once again Wendie went into remission and was due to have a bone marrow transplant with Tracy as donor.

However, doctors decided she isn't strong enough and have delayed the operation for now, resulting in Wendie undergoing 'maintenance' chemotherapy for the foreseeable future at Wigan Infirmary.

But having had to postpone her planned wedding to partner, Helen, in March last year due to being too poorly, Wendie will now be tieing the knot in September this year instead - complete with 11 bridesmaids dressed in pink and Cancer Research UK wedding favours for the guests!

Wendie hasn't worked since her diagnosis and although this time last year she feared she was about to die, she says her illness and the thought of leaving her 21-year-old daughter behind, has given her the will to fight and a new approach to life.

She said: "It was a huge shock to be told I had two types of cancer and that I won't ever be fully cured. But I feel blessed to have such amazing family around me and to have Helen as my carer.

"The thought of my daughter Melissa losing me also gives me the will to fight.

"Our experience means we understand all too clearly why Cancer Research UK's work is so important.

"We are proud to support the Race for Life and my mum taking part at the age of 70 is proof that women of all ages and abilities can take on the challenge. There's an event to suit everyone.

"It's not about pounding the pavements or racing to the finish line, it's about coming together to beat cancer - sooner."

To enter Race for Life today visit www.raceforlife.org or call 0300 123 0770.

Police raid nets drugs haul after tip-off call

POLICE responding to a call claiming "suspicious activity" at an address in Birch Green on Thursday, May 25 discovered 123 cannabis plants and a large quantity of equipment *(right)* used in the production of the drug.

If you spot anything suspicious contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Schools' appeal on target to raise £10,000 in memory of Manchester bomb victims

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some of the funds over to Tarleton, I called at Asda to collect 300 doughnuts for the school as a gift from all the Skelmersdale schools. But when I got there, the staff at Asda - Julie and Marge - had arranged for the bill to be covered as they and their colleagues wanted to do their little bit for the school.

"Another example of such wonderful kindness which is true across our whole town. "Chris Upton at Tarleton was really touched by all the efforts and kind thoughts from our schools.

"Up until last summer, he worked in Skelmersdale and was known by many. It's great that we were able to show him and Tarleton Primary and their pupils support in this ever-so difficult time.

"Now, it's for Mr Upton and the school to decide how and what they believe will best help their children through this, and how they wish to remember Saffie.

"Funds will continue to be sent over from the Skelmersdale schools over the next few weeks as some schools are still counting up their totals."

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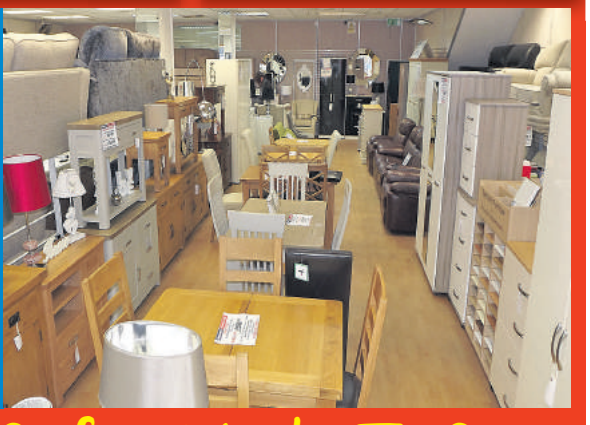

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Five in contest to be borough's MP

Report by **Henry James**

THE country goes to the polls next Thursday (June 8) and voters in West Lancashire will have five candidates to choose from as they aim to determine who will represent the constituency following the General Election.

Labour's Rosie Cooper will be seeking to defend the seat which she has held since 2005 against a four-pronged challenge.

The Conservatives will be represented by Sam Currie; the Liberal Democrats by Jo Barton; and the Green Party by Nate Higgins. The fifth candidate is David Oswald Braid standing for the War Veterans Pro Traditional Family Party.

Having first taken the seat in 2005 with a majority of just over 6,000, Rosie Cooper successfully defended it in both 2010 (majority 4,343) and 2015 (8,360).

Her focus in this year's campaign, she says, is campaigning for the future of the NHS and the availability of social care for all.

The Conservatives' Sam Currie, who has been a councillor on West Lancashire Borough Council for Aughton and Downholland since May 2016, has voiced concerns on the impact of floods in the borough and is calling for improved transport links for the area.

A recent flying visit to the constituency by Prime Minister Theresa May was seen as a sign that the party are targeting the seat.

Liberal Democrat candidate Jo Barton, is a councillor on neighbouring Sefton Council.

She is campaigning on a ticket of halting the privatisation of the NHS and more money for schools.

Nate Higgins, who is representing the Green Party is a second-year musical theatre student who wants to see proper investment in the NHS and public services.

Rosie Cooper

Sam Currie

Jo Barton

Nate Higgins

The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) are not putting forward a candidate this time. At the 2015 election their candidate Jack Sen, was suspended from the party after nominations closed for alleged racially-charged comments.

At the time of going to press we had not been able to contact Mr Braid.

Members of the Co-operative Bank Fraud and Disputes team present the cheque

Bank staff's community spirit pays double dividend for primary school

MEMBERS of the Co-operative Bank's fraud and disputes team based in Skelmersdale have been 'doing their bit' for the community - at the double.

Staff at the Co-op's Delf House headquarters in Southway held a pay day 'dress down' event, combined with an in-house bingo and cake sale, to raise £275 which they donated to St James' Catholic Primary School. And their helping hand for the school didn't end there.

Six volunteers from the bank also went along to the school in Ashurst Road and painted its Key Stage 1 nursery!

Nic Ward, one of the volunteers, said: "We were so efficient we even painted the reception as an extra!

"The headteacher, Mr Iliff, was over the moon with the work we'd done as he said this was a job that the school wouldn't have got round to doing."

Music and laughter set to replace the 'sound of silence' for a day at library!

MEMBERS of a community group which aims to promote awareness and raise funds to provide free activities for library users are organising an event with a difference.

Although libraries are usually associated with silence Skelmersdale library will ring to the sound of music next Saturday, June 10.

The Friends of Skelmersdale Library (Fosl) are staging a 'Make a Noise in Libraries' event at the venue in Southway.

Starting at 10.30am, children with their parents or carers are invited to go along and join in some craft activities and make a musical instrument.

Happy

Then from 11.30am the choir from Little Digmoor Primary School in Abbeystead will be performing followed by other musicians and singers.

New Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil Furey and County Councillor Terry Aldridge have also been invited to attend and join in what organisers say promises to be a fun occasion.

Chair of the Friends of Skelmersdale Library, Mary Whitby, said: "It will be a happy, noisy, day and we will also have a cake stall and refreshments.

"At the Saturday club, which begins at 10.30am, children will be able to make musical instruments and hopefully they will play them for us as part of the celebrations."

Quit Squad's 'Kick the habit' call to county's tobacco-users

TOBACCO-users in Lancashire are being urged to kick the habit and live healthier lifestyles to Mark World No Tobacco Day today (Wednesday, May 31).

Organised by the World Health Organisation, the day is an annual event focussing on a different topic each year. The theme of this year is that tobacco is a threat to global development. And the Lancashire Care Trust's Quit Squad is highlighting the harm that tobacco poses not just to global development, but also to the health and economic wellbeing of people.

Phil Gooden from the Quit Squad, which is funded by Lancashire County Council, said: "Tobacco use is a threat to people regardless of background and every year more than seven million people die from it.

"World No Tobacco Day is a good way to raise awareness of the health risks and other issues associated with smoking and chewing. The focus of this year is that tobacco harms countries and that smoking and chewing costs economies a huge amount in healthcare costs.

"As well as the financial burden, there are several health risks associated with smoking including stroke, heart disease and cancer. There are numerous benefits to stopping smoking. Accessing stop smoking services, such as the Quit Squad, means you are four times more likely to quit for good than going it alone."

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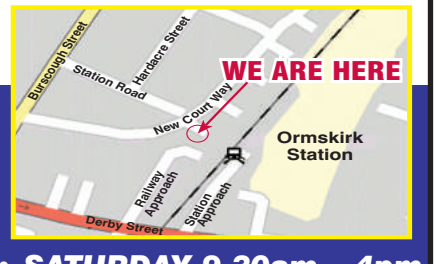

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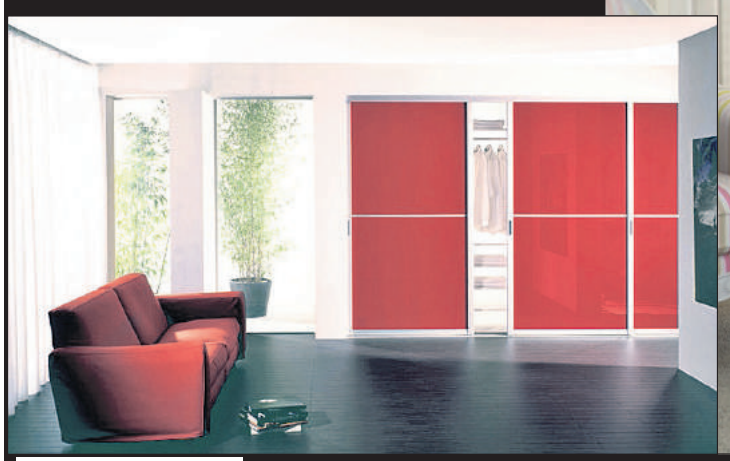

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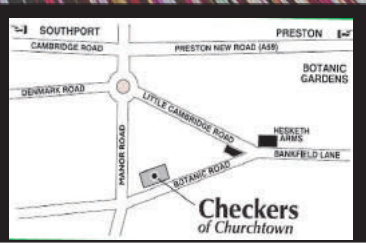

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Students bring Shakespeare to Skem

PERFORMING Arts learners from West Lancashire College brought Shakespeare to Skelmersdale with their spring performance of ***The Taming of the Shrew***.

And their months of preparation for the production, staged at the college's Skelmersdale campus Hope Theatre, paid off as they received postive feedback from the audience.

One viewer said: "The costume design for the show was spectacular, just like Shakespearian times. The stage was brought to life with corset dresses and frills, fitted trousers and floaty hats. It truly set the scene and prepared you for the comical storyline."

The comedy, believed to have been written by the Bard between 1590 and 1592, is a tale of intertwined relationships and the dramatic transformation of an ill-tempered woman.

College tutor, Deb Fletcher, said: "The production gave the community the opportunity to experience the world of Shakespeare in a state-of-the-art theatre performed by an award-winning cast. It was a massive success with three fantastic shows performed and I can't wait to work on the next production with the cast."

The college would like to offer thanks all who attended and congratulations to the cast, crew and tutors for their hard work and dedication.

The students are now rehearsing for their next production, ***Spamalot***, to be staged from June 21 to 23.

Call to clean up town's 'danger' play areas

Dad's fury after six-year-old son suffers second cut while playing on park

Report by **Henry James**

AN angry dad has called for better policing of children's recreational areas in Skelmersdale and more education about the dangers of broken glass after his six-year-old son had to be treated at A&E twice in two weeks for cuts he suffered while playing at two different sites.

Cody Webb, a pupil at Brookfield Park Primary in School Lane, cut his hand at Sumner Street park in Ashurst on Sunday, April 30.

And a fortnight later on May 14 he sliced his knee open while playing football on the Kiln Lane playing field.

Now dad, Carl, is urging West Lancs Council to take steps to solve the problem before a youngster suffers more serious injuries.

Officers at the authority have offered to meet him to discuss his concerns.

Mr Webb told the Champion: "I feel that broken glass is a widespread problem across children's play and recreational areas throughout Skelmersdale.

"I don't think the youths are educated or informed of the dangers and consequences of smashing glass on them. It's reckless anti-social behaviour but whose job is it to inform them? Parents, community support officers, school?

"As a primary school teacher myself, I discuss issues such as this with children in my class, so they are aware of the hazards of committing such thoughtless acts and also what to do if they see somebody smashing glass.

Ouch! Cody suffered a painful cut knee while playing football on the recreational field in Kiln Lane

"These two incidents have caused Cody a lot of pain. The council needs to do something to avoid such injuries - and worse - to the children of Skelmersdale."

A spokesman for the borough council commented: "Mr Webb has contacted the council about his concerns and we have offered to meet him to discuss them.

"The borough council-owned play areas and recreational fields are inspected and monitored regularly.

"However, despite efforts by the council to keep play and recreation facilities safe and enjoyable places, anti-social behaviour can happen at any time. Unfortunately, a small minority of individuals have no consideration of the potentially harmful outcomes of their behaviour.

"As the council cannot foresee incidents occurring outside the scheduled visits we welcome reports from the community about potential hazards or concerns. We respond to incidents as quickly as we can, and urgent matters are dealt with as priority.

"Partnership working between the community, police and council is integral to the success of combating anti-social behaviour and has been effective in deterring it. We encourage residents to report incidents to the council, and if residents are prepared to identify and report individuals in the act of anti-social behaviour to the police this is also of great value.

"Anyone who wishes to report a problem with a play area or recreational land can get in touch with the council via the website."

Talented teen Hannah takes part in prestigious poetry-reading contest

A TALENTED A-level student from Skelmersdale has competed in a prestigious poetry recitation competition.

Hannah McCoy, who attends KGV College in Southport, competed against scores of budding orators from across the region by reciting challenging literary masterpieces at the British Library in London.

The 17-year-old appeared before a panel of distinguished judges to recite literary works including C. P. Cavafy's 'The God Abandons Antony' and 'The Second Coming', by W. B. Yeats.

Co-founded by former poet laureate Andrew Motion, the 'Poetry by Heart' contest is aimed at engaging young people from diverse social backgrounds in the pleasures of poetry. The inspirational competition is open to all pupils in England aged between 14 and 18.

Hannah, who is studying A-level music, performing arts and media studies and GCSE Latin, said: "I chose these two poems because I loved the history of them, but still they're relevant to society today. Both poems are very emotionally complex; the mood shifts so many times and this made them fun to recite!

"I feel so lucky to have been a part of the competition, and I know that it has already helped me take huge strides towards my future.

"I can never express how honoured I felt to be there, how much it has pushed me to try new things, and how it's shown me I should reach towards anything I want to do."

Hannah was encouraged to enter the competition by her progress coach, Steve, and learning centre facilitator, Catherine, who runs the competition at KGV each year.

Hannah McCoy

"I received amazing support from everyone at KGV. The letters, card and emails I received spurred me on massively, and made me feel so lucky to have been offered this opportunity," said Hannah.

Jonathan Cotterall, deputy director of study programmes at KGV, said: "Hannah is a hard-working, completely reliable, talented, self-effacing student who quietly but effectively produces work of a consistently high standard."

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The cadets and supporters at the end of the challenge

Cadets tackle 140-mile virtual bike challenge to raise funds and profile

AIR Cadets from 1439 (Skelmersdale) Squadron tackled an 140-mile cycling challenge as part of a fundraising and recruitment campaign - without leaving the confines of the Concourse Shopping Centre!

Cadets, staff and committee members from the unit in Daniels Lane, Digmoor took it in turns to complete the virtual pedal power mission to RAF Cranwell in Lincolnshire in five hours using two exercise bikes borrowed from the Nye Bevan gym.

And they were joined for part of the 'journey' by local councillors, Claire Cooper and Terry Devine who also put in a few miles to support the effort.

Sarah O'Sullivan from 1439 (Skelmersdale) Squadron said: "This turned out to be a fantastic fundraising and recruitment event for the squadron. Yet again our cadets put in lots of hard work to showcase their achievements and ambitions."

For more information about the squadron log on to their Twitter page at #1439proudsquadron.

Former Blues favourite to head up charity coaching clinic for young footballers

YOUNG footballers will be able to sharpen up the skills under the guidance of a former Premier League star at a charity 'Soccer Clinic' in Skelmersdale.

Former Everton favourite, Duncan Ferguson, who made 239 appearances for the Goodison Park club in two spells before joining the back-room staff, will be coaching youngsters at the town's JMO Sports Park on Saturday, June 24.

The session is open to footballers of all abilities aged between nine and 14 and allproceeds will go towards the Mane Chance Sanctuary, which offers relief for children and vulnerable people through therapeutic equine work, as well as working to alleviate the suffering of animals.

Duncan, who will be leading the clinic with support from Everton in the Community (EitC) coaches, said: "Mane Chance Sanctuary has been running soccer clinics around the country for a couple of years and I'm delighted to be able to support them as they visit the North West.

Duncan Ferguson

"Mane Chance Sanctuary is unique in the way that it supports both animals and people, so hopefully lots of young footballers will sign up and help the charity impact more lives than ever before.

"EitC delivers an extremely high standard of football coaching 12 months of the year and I'm sure that, together, we can put on a fun and engaging session for everyone who attends."

The charity's 'Soccer Clinic' will be grouped into three sessions for 9 and 10 year-olds, 11 and 12-year-olds and 13 and 14-year-olds, each lasting two hours.

Places are limited and on the course children will receive coaching from Ferguson and the EitC team, as well as being able to walk home with a free football.

Actress Jenny Seagrove, founder of Mane Chance Sanctuary, said: "To have Duncan Ferguson, an Everton FC icon, legend and first team coach, lead our soccer clinic is totally amazing. He is an inspiration to us all and I am so grateful to him for giving his time to Mane Chance and the children and horses we help."

Closing date for youngsters wishing to sign up for the clinic is Wednesday, June 14. They can register online at www.manechancesanctuary.org/soccer17 or email soccer@manechancesanctuary.org.

Veterans' poignant trip to national memorial

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association have visited the National Memorial Arboretum to pay their respects to comrades who died in the Second World War and more recent conflicts.

Among the party for the trip to the remembrance site in Staffordshire were two members who fought in the Second World War for whom the visit prompted a poignant mixture of memories, both good and sad.

Alan Lewis from the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association, said: "Local veterans thanked the association for laying on the trip to the arboretum which currently welcomes around 300,000 visitors each year - and set to grow. During our visit we paraded our colours and Union flags throughout, as well as discovering the beautifully-engraved paviours and enjoying the stunning views across the arboretum from the visitors' centre."

The National Memorial Arboretum, established in 1997 at Alrewas, near Lichfield, is described as a living tribute to the personal sacrifices made by the armed and civil services of the UK.

There are more than 200 dedicated plots on the site to individuals and organisations including the military, civilian victims of war, the police, fire brigade and ambulance services, charities, local and overseas organisations.

Members of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association pictured at the National Memorial Arboretum

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Report highlights CCTV team's key role

Operators assisted police with more than 280 arrests last year

WEST Lancs Council CCTV operators assist with more than 100 incidents in the borough every week, a report has shown.

That was just one of the findings highlighted in the council's 2016/2017 annual CCTV report.

Last year the borough CCTV system was awarded a five-year Certificate of Compliance by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner.

This shows that the system is managed appropriately and that the information gathered from the cameras is used in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the Surveillance Code of Practice guidelines.

One of the requirements of the code is that the council regularly reports on the effectiveness of the system and the appropriateness of the camera locations.

Over the last six years the council has invested in the public open space system and expanded the scheme to install cameras in areas which previously had no coverage.

Key achievements highlighted in the annual report:

- In total CCTV staff observed and assisted with 6,045 'incidents'. more than 100 a week.
- Operators helped police officers arrest 282 people in West Lancashire.
- Staff were involved with 643 missing/vulnerable person responses.
- They were also involved in observing 758 cash deliveries/collections to ensure they were carried out without incident.
- Operators also identified 1,637 incidents themselves through their general monitoring.

The council currently operates a total of 107 public open space cameras which are monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days each year.

Each of these camera locations has been reviewed and the report confirms that cameras are appropriately located.

David Tilleray, director of leisure and wellbeing for the council, said: "The report underlines the tremendous work of our CCTV operators. Their experience and close working relationship with the police helps to ensure we achieve great results from our system and the staff deserve great praise for their efforts."

West Lancashire police inspector, Adrian Jolley, said: "Lancashire Constabulary fully supports the use of CCTV and I am extremely impressed with the West Lancs Council scheme which continues to go from strength to strength."

One of the issues the council must have due regard to is the privacy of private residents. The software that is used allows for parts of the CCTV image to be completely blanked out.

There are several existing cameras where privacy settings are installed to completely blank out windows or whole houses so that residents' privacy is ensured. If you have any comments about privacy in relation to CCTV cameras, email community.safety@westlancs.gov.uk.

The full report is available on the council website via the link www.westlancs.gov.uk/cctvreport. For more information on the CCTV system visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/cctv.

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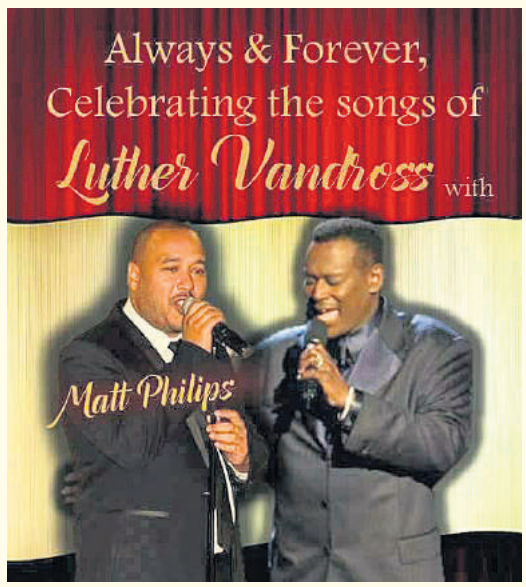

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Above: Councillor Liz Savage and her mayoral year consort, Councilor Noel Delaney with the proceeds of her fundraising and representatives of her chosen charities.

Double presentation sign-off

OUTGOING Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage held a double presentation to mark the end of her year of office.

During her civic year Cllr. Savage, managed to raise a total of £21,155 for her chosen charities - Ormskirk Hospital neonatal unit, the Artz Centre, Birch Green, The Civic in Ormskirk and the Birchwood Centre in Skelmersdale.

She also presented trophies to pupils of two local schools, Bishop Martin CE Primary, Skelmersdale and Aughton St Michael's CE Primary for their fundraising efforts on behalf of her appeal.

Cllr. Savage with pupils from Bishop Martin CE Primary and Aughton St Michael's CE Primary who received trophies for their efforts in boosting the mayor's charity appeal.

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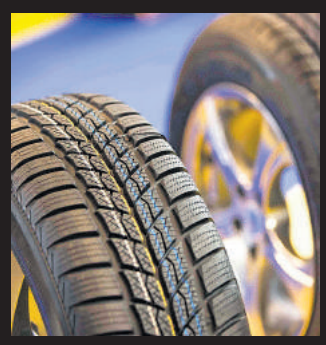

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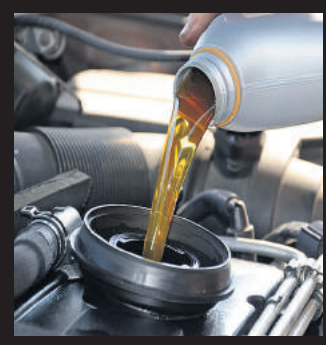

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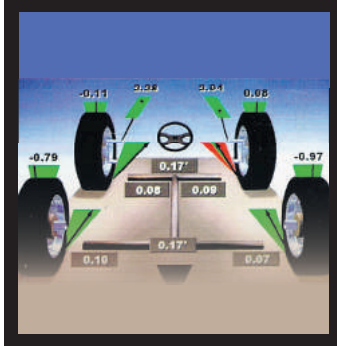

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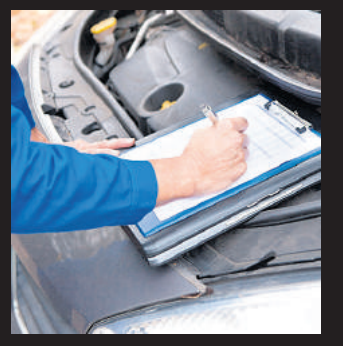

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New leader and cabinet appointed at Lancashire County Council

LANCASHIRE County Council has named its new leader and cabinet.

County Councillor Geoff Driver, leader of the Conservative group and county councillor for Preston North, was formally appointed leader on Thursday, May 25.

And he has appointed his cabinet which will be responsible for day-to-day decisions across the council's full range of services and recommendations on policy, strategy and budget issues to full council.

Cabinet members are as follows:

Deputy leader: Councillor Albert Atkinson.

Member for children, young people and schools: Cllr. Susie Charles.

Highways and transport: Cllr. Keith Iddon.

Economic development and planning: Cllr. Michael Green.

Community and cultural services: Cllr. Peter Buckley.

Heath and wellbeing: Cllr. Viv Taylor.

Adult services: Cllr. Graham Gooch.

In addition to being council leader, Cllr. Driver will also take cabinet decisions about resources, including council functions such as finance, communications, organisational development and human resources.

Cllr. Driver said: "We have one purpose as an organisation and that is to serve the people of Lancashire. The council clearly faces financial challenges and our first priority is to ensure that we develop a way forward that will enable us to continue to provide the services that our residents need."

Meanwhile, County Councillor Terry Aldridge has been appointed new chairman of Lancashire County Council, with County Councillor Anne Cheetham as vice-chair.

County Councillor Geoff Driver

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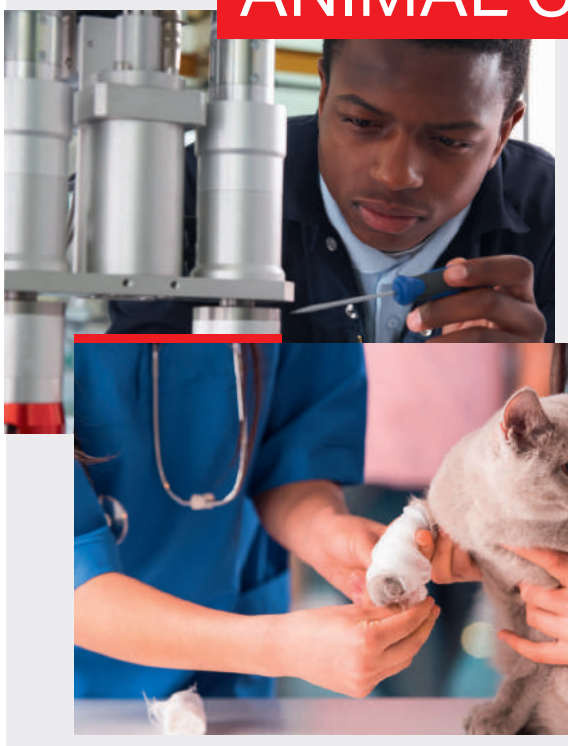

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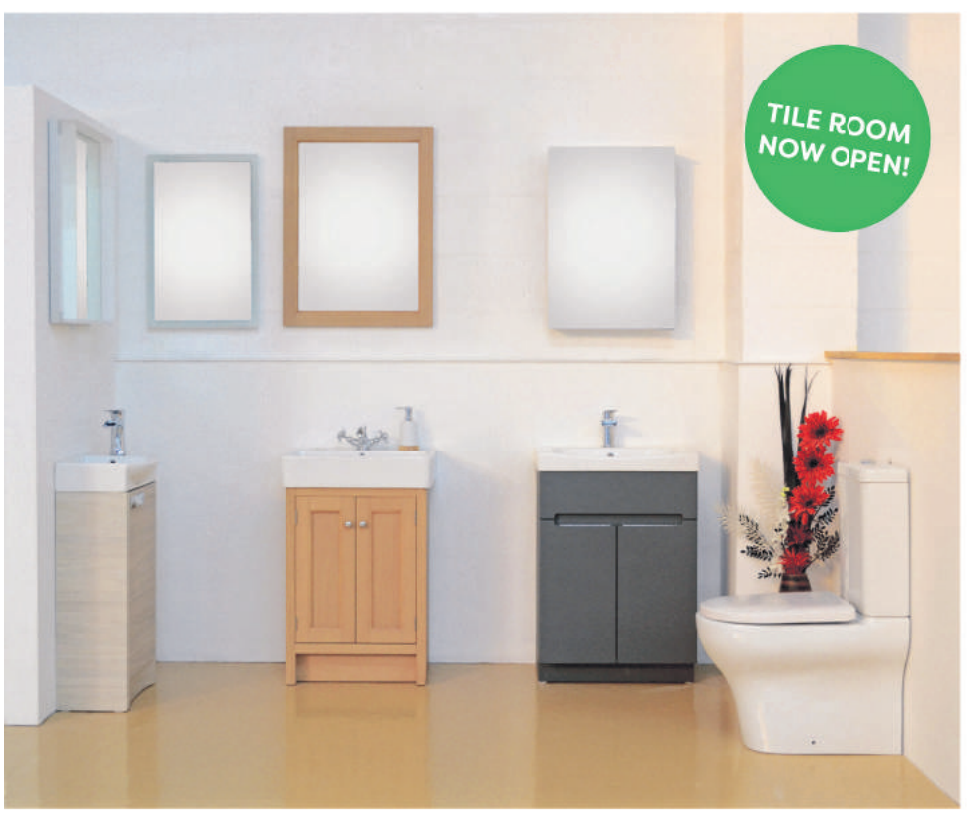

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Bereaved mum joins village vigil in memory of Arena bomb victims

Georgina Callander's mum Lesley prepares to lay her yellow carnation at the Tarleton vigil

THE mother of one of the first named victims of the terror attack at the Manchester Arena was among the hundreds of people who attended a vigil in Tarleton to pay their respects.

Georgina Callander, 18, who lived in Hesketh Bank, was one of the 22 people killed in the bombing.

Her mother, Lesley, attended the vigil in Mark Square on Tuesday, May 23 to lay a yellow carnation in Georgina's memory. Lesley had been invited to the ceremony by Bishop John Goddard.

The crowd also remembered eight-year-old Saffie Rose Roussos, a pupil at Tarleton Community Primary.

Saffie, described by her headteacher, Chris Upton, as "a beautiful little girl in every aspect of the word", had also attended the concert by US singer, Ariana Grande targeted by suicide bomber Salman Abedi.

A two-minute silence was observed at the vigil, while pink balloons were released and the Ariana Grande song, ***Put Your Hearts Up***, was also played.

Clergy and members of the pubic at the vigil held at Mark Square, Tarleton in memory of the victims of the Manchester Arena bomb

Police chief in support pledge

LANCASHIRE's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, has issued a reminder that support is available to those affected by the devastating terror attack in Manchester.

In the wake of the tragedy, Mr Grunshaw highlighted the services commissioned by his office available to those affected by what they had seen or by having family or friends caught up in the incident.

He said: "Those caught up in this devastating attack will be deeply affected by their experiences and what they have seen. I want to reassure people that the support they may need is available now and will be there whenever they are ready for it.

"Lancashire Victim Services can provide support to those affected and their families. I would urge anyone caught up in the attack to get in touch.

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Overgrown verges are not just an eyesore - they're a threat to safety!

IT was good to read that someone else has complained about the state of the verges along the A59 towards Aughton and Ormskirk (Letters, May 24).

Here's a message I sent to the highways department earlier:

'Re: grass verges and roundabouts along A59 from Aughton to Ormskirk.

'I'm concerned and annoyed that the grass verges, along the A59 from Aughton to Ormskirk have become so high, they are now posing a real threat to driver and pedestrian safety. The fact they look unwelcoming and unsightly, pales in comparison, when it comes to the matter of safety.

'Furthermore, on being advised to ring your call centre about this matter today, the operator was unable to give me the name or job title of a person this responsibility rests with, within Lancashire County Council.

'Please therefore, can you answer the following questions:

'1. Your operator says this work has been passed out and that the frequency has been altered. Please explain what this means and why this decision has been taken.

'2. Please provide contact details of the person in charge of the highways department for the area I'm referring to, so that I can address my concerns more specifically.

'3. Your operator said that the grass verges will be getting cut along 'some' parts of the A59 on the 24th and 25th, presumably of this month. He was unable to say which part of the A59. Bearing in mind the expanse of this road, it's an extremely silly script to give to anyone unfortunate enough to try and provide an explanation.

'Please provide specific dates throughout the year as to when the verges will be cut, in the exact area I'm referring to.'

Amanda Shaw, Ormskirk

I WRITE to agree with your correspondent (Letters, May 24) regarding the appalling state of the grass verges and general vegetation in Aughton.

Last year I wrote to you and reported the eyesore to the council and, to be fair (possibly a coincidence) the vegetation was cut down - once!

We pay high council taxes here and whilst I appreciate the council funding has been cut the situation opposite the Royal Oak pub has become positively dangerous whilst trying to cross the main A59 either by car or on foot.

Some of your correspondents last year were a little concerned and pointed out to me through your paper that butterflies and wildlife would suffer.

Well, I'm sorry, if I have to choose between a butterfly or a child or elderly person being killed or put into hospital with the situation I am sure everyone would agree the butterfly would take second place.

Please, councillors get off your backsides and come and see what's going on and take action before someone is killed.

John M. Brown, Eskdale Avenue, Aughton

It wasn't always rosy under NHS

I WAS so annoyed by the letter from 'Ormskirk pensioner' (Champion, May 17) about appointments chaos and Virgin.

He has been lucky if that's the first time he has had his appointment changed!

I go four times a year to my doctor's surgery to see the nurse for blood tests, no problem.

After a hip operation in March this year all was good but my leg near the ankle started to leak fluid.

At the walk-in centre in Ormskirk the nurse apologised for having no suitable dressings then went off for 30 to 45 minutes, raiding other departments to get some for me. She was a saint.

Staff told us that the NHS had cut back on ordering any new stock because Virgin were taking over in May 2017. So they were saving money and this was March!

So, please, give Virgin a chance even to replenish stock that the NHS had not ordered and to build up staff levels again in these departments.

My aunt was an NHS matron for a long time and it was not all rosy.

I am an OAP and have lived through excellent, very good, good and poor NHS service, so I don't need 'Ormskirk pensioner' to tell me where to put my X.

Ken Davies, Ormskirk

PICTURE of the week

Dalton St Michael's CE School teacher Mr Atkins kept his cool on one of this year's hottest days when pupils showered him with sponsored soggy sponges at an event which raised funds for the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Dog show was great fun and a wonderful fundraiser for RSPCA

THE recent Fun Dog Show held at the Southport & Ormskirk branch of the RSPCA in New Cut Lane, Halsall was a great success and I would like to use your columns to thank those many people who made it such a wonderful and enjoyable day.

I send our thanks to our many volunteers, the young people of the 281 Squadron ATC who so ably controlled the car parking and the Banks family who allow us to use their field for car parking. In all nearly £2,000 was raised.

The day would not have been the same without the members of the West Lancs Dog Display Team who gave a display of dog agility and training that was an inspiration to us all.

All the funds raised on the day will go to meet the day-to-day running costs of the RSPCA Animal Shelter in New Cut Lane. We receive no funds from the National RSPCA or the Lottery to meet these costs.

Ron James, secretary, RSPCA, Southport, Ormskirk & District branch

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

Disruptive neighbours need to take a good look at themselves

THERE is always a disruptive neighbour, regardless of where you live.

A house near me recently had a party (one of many) for a spoilt teenager who gets all she wants.

It was the usual - music and swearing, all very loud (don't worry, we love getting no sleep!)

After midnight a gang of them went down the road and waited for the others and then a fight started.

The language was disgusting.

By now everybody must have been woken up.

This went on for a while in the middle of the road then they went.

Next morning the road was full of cans and rubbish and little silver tubes (laughing gas).

The parents who had the party had to drive past this but let others clean it up.

People wouldn't let this happen if they had consideration for others.

What is wrong with these parents? So irresponsible and don't care what their teenagers get up to.

If you are reading this and thinking 'I wonder who that is'? Well, take a good look at yourselves, it could be you.

Full name and address supplied

New app will provide vital support for challenge of life after breast cancer

I KNOW only too well that getting off the treatment treadmill can be the most daunting part of breast cancer.

I found it as hard, if not even harder than my diagnosis.

When I finished my hospital treatment, people expected me to celebrate, but instead I was scared about the future.

I became obsessed with my diet, struggled with returning to work and hated the way I looked.

I didn't know if I should I live every day like my last or try to forget what I had been through.

I wish I had somewhere to turn at that confusing time.

That's why Breast Cancer Care's new BECCA app is so vital.

It provides bite-size practical information and lifestyle tips to support women in the same position as I was.

It can be a huge challenge to face life after breast cancer with confidence.

So please, if you know someone struggling after treatment, encourage them to download the 'BECCA' app, and make this the day they start to move forward.

Emma Burns,
Chair of Trustees, Breast Cancer Care

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Lancashire Police have targeted hare coursing in the borough as part of a rural crime campaign

Hare coursing in West Lancs targeted as part of rural crime campaign

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE Police have been focussing on preventing hare coursing in West Lancs as part of a multi-force regional rural crime operation.

The constabulary took part in Operation Checkpoint, which brought together officers from across the region to target travelling criminals who commit rural crime.

Key community links were contacted and asked to report any suspicious behaviour, and patrols were deployed to respond to information and actively patrol areas known to be hare coursing hot spots.

As a result a total of 22 vehicles were stopped, 12 stop searches were carried out and three vehicle prohibition notices given.

Hare coursing is illegal and anyone linked by police intelligence to the practice will be visited and warned of facing prosecution if they continue.

Regular patrols will aim to identify and prosecute anyone involved in hare coursing and seek to seize dogs and vehicles used.

Lorraine Ellwood, rural crime and wildlife coordinator for the force, said: "We are committed to tackling rural crime and protecting the diverse wildlife in Lancashire. Anyone who comes to Lancashire to commit rural crime will be targeted and where possible arrested and any vehicles, dogs or poaching equipment with them seized and destroyed.

"We understand the impact rural crime can have on our communities and we are determined to work together to stop offences in our rural communities.

"Seventy four per cent of Lancashire's geographical area is classed as rural. We are keen to work with the residents living in these areas to clamp down on criminals wherever they are from, and wherever they are going."

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Students on course for careers in medicine

A GROUP of teenagers from Ormskirk have taken the first steps to realising their dreams of becoming doctors.

Winstanley College students James Lee, Alexander Philips, Ellie Russo, Yash Sangani and Katherine Jackson have all been offered places at university to study medicine.

James, Alexander and Ellie are all former pupils of St Bede's Catholic High in Ormskirk, Katherine formerly attended Burscough Priory Scinece College and Yash was a pupil Ranhe High School in Formby.

Ellie, 18, who has accepted an offer from the University of Liverpool, said that she chose a career in medicine after doing work experience in local hospitals and community centres.

She said: "I dedicated my summer to completing work experience, volunteering in the community and sitting the UKCAT aptitude test. I also dragged my family up and down the country to visit numerous open days, medical conferences and university interviews."

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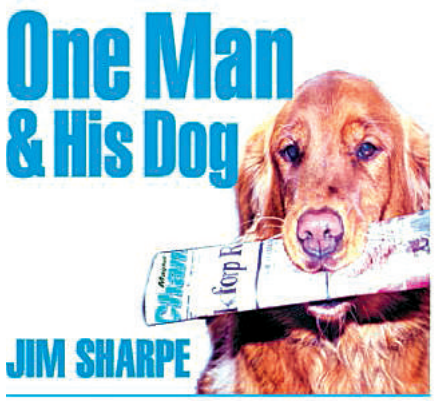

Public transport 'fresh air fiends' are a pain in the neck!

WHAT is it with people (like me) who use public transport? I ask as I am about to air a grievance I fear I will upset many.

As I write this the weather people are predicting the hottest few days we have had at this time of year since Global Warming was 'invented' - or something like that. Normally at this time of year, and certainly for most of May, the weather has been generally on the cool side.

Now I make regular bus journeys from Maghull to Southport and Ormskirk, with a few trips on Merseyrail thrown in for good measure. And because I make these trips several times a week I don't spend time gazing at the familiar scene, I read a book and happily suck a mint or three.

But what can totally spoil my enjoyment of these half-hours or so is a howling gale down the back of my neck. It seems to me that the first thing some folk do the minute they get on a bus (or train) is to open the window immediately above them.

And of course, the ventilation provided is probably quite pleasant for them. For those of us further down the vehicle it means the bus turns into a kind of cave of winds which swirl around merrily and provide not the desired ventilation, but an unpleasant draught. It really spoils the journey for me because though I can still read, I am conscious that I am uncomfortable.

Part of the problem is of course our British reluctance to cause a fuss. A request to close a recently opened window might result in a polite closure - or a raft of rude words.

I don't think I am being selfish. I have no objection whatever to open windows when it is palpably too hot.

But from years of observation, I know that the two groups usually guilty of this overly fresh air are young men (those as used to be called teenagers) and - and here I really do risk running my head into a noose - older people (pensioners like me).

In fact, the latter can persist in their window opening sprees throughout the winter too. Dressed up like Nanook of the North, they feel too warm, assuming always that the vehicle's heating system is operational. So open go the windows and those of us further back, possibly not quite so warmly wrapped up, get the full icy blast,

But I have got behind myself somehow. In the here and now I am not talking frozen ears or fingers, just discomfort brought on by fellow travellers who simply don't think. One window does not usually a gale make - several do.

I would suggest that anyone who feels compelled to open a forward window immediately before sitting directly beneath it, tries instead sitting further back in the bus and see how they like it then.

I mentioned trains, though in fact our local ones at least are not that bad. Years ago now, Merseyrail obviously twigged what I have just been saying about our buses, and fitted metal 'spacers' to the opening windows, so that they now only open to half of their design width. Result? Ventilation with very little draught indeed. Simple and effective.

So, since I have just about got really fed up of getting a stiff neck for my bus journey, local bus operators please note the effective 'cure' applied by Merseyrail.

As an aside, it is interesting if you look at the distribution of passengers in just about every bus you might board. Assuming there are plenty of empty seats, the youngsters always congregate at the back - as they always have; the older persons at the front (sensibly because it shortens the distance you have to negotiate to and from your seat); with a kind of middle-aged spread in the middle.

I still make for the rear of the middle as, though I have had my bus pass for a decade now, I like to kid myself that I can still do everything I could 30 years ago.

So please, fellow 'Twirlies', don't force me into the old-folks section just yet.

Tragedy spurred award-winner Lauren to take up nursing career

Report by **Henry James**

A STUDENT who decided to take up a career in nursing after her boyfriend died suddenly from an undetected congenital heart defect has received an award from a leading specialist hospital.

Lauren McEvoy, a second-year MSc nursing student at Edge Hill University, was named Best Student Nurse by Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital as part of their celebrations for International Nurses Day.

The 26-year-old had always been interested in helping people with health problems but it was the loss of her boyfriend which spurred her to become a nurse.

She said: "After losing my boyfriend, I moved to Australia to try and get my life back on track. While I was working out there I was in a job where I interacted with nurses.

"I realised then that I wanted a more hands-on approach to helping people so I moved back to the UK to pursue it."

During her placement at Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital's Holly Suite day ward, Lauren was nominated for the Best Student Nurse award by her mentor and former Edge Hill student, Stephanie Wright.

Stephanie said: "Lauren displayed a very kind and caring attitude to patients and took that extra time to speak with them. She obtained every opportunity to enhance her skills and knowledge."

Lauren is shown receiving her award

However, Lauren didn't find out about her nomination until she received the award at the International Nurses Day celebration.

"I was extremely surprised that I was nominated - my mentor didn't tell me she was putting me forward for the award. Nursing is my passion so I feel so proud and happy that I have achieved this. To get recognition for something that I love doing, I feel uplifted and it gives me confidence for the next two years of my training.

"I would also like to mention that Stephanie and the Holly Suite team are an amazing group of people who take working in a stressful, fast-paced environment in their stride."

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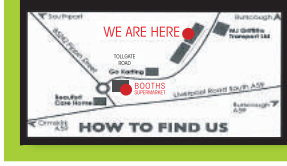

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Animal sanctuary seeks foster home for cat with a heart condition

Vet says playful Jiggly only has a year to live

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF at a West Lancashire animal sanctuary have launched an urgent appeal to find a loving foster home for one of their cats which only has a year left to live.

Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood cares for a variety of small domestic and farm animals, including birds, ponies, sheep, goats, ducks, chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits, cats, hedgehogs and donkeys.

Jiggly, a playful, year-old cat was handed in to the shelter in January and staff are now seeking a permanent home for him.

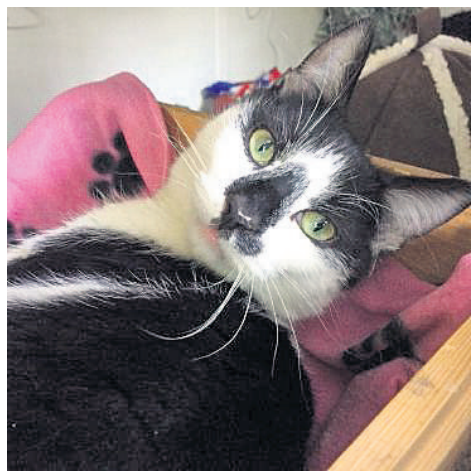
However, sadly, the centre's vet has diagnosed Jiggly with a heart-murmur and it's believed he probably has only around 12 months left to live.

Woodlands would still cover any veterinary bills for Jiggly's treatment should he be placed with a new owner.

Sally McDerby from Woodlands said: "We would ideally like him to be able to live the rest of his short life in his own caring home with a family to give him all the attention he loves so dearly.

"Due to his heart condition he will need someone who can give him his small tablet each day, but aside from this Jiggly simply needs the same loving care as any other cat.

"Due to Jiggly's health condition, we are looking for Jiggly to go out on a foster basis. This means that he will live with you for the rest of his life, as long as that may be, but all medication costs will be paid for by Woodlands."



Jiggly - staff at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary are seeking a foster home for the friendly feline with a life-limiting heart condition

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Decision deferred on Firswood Road site development

Officers to seek highways authority views

Report by **Henry James**

A DECISION of an application to build 94 homes on land to the rear of Blaguegate Lane and Firswood Road, Lathom has been deferred for officers to seek further views of the highway authority following a meeting of West Lancs Council's planning committee.

The plot forms part of the main Firswood Road site which has been allocated for housing development.

Officers at the borough council said the Firswood site includes 22 hectares of "formerly safeguarded land" which has been released for "residential development" through the Local Plan.

The land is accessed from Neverstitch Road and Firswood Road via Old Engine Lane.

Members of South Lathom Residents' Association have expressed concerns about the development.

In correspondence in October 2016 they stated that, "pre-application consultation has been virtually non-existent for both South Lathom Residents' Association and Lathom South Parish Council; the introduction of so many people in the 35 to 50 age range (the group likely to be attracted to the proposed development) could destroy the current balance. People in this age range tend to be car commuters which would be most detrimental to the traffic situation along Firswood Road."

The council has said the scheme will deliver financial benefits in the form of New Homes Bonus of about £670,000 and that the development would require a Community Infrastructure Levy of £945,650.

In a report for the meeting the council's director of development and regeneration, John Harrison, wrote: "The proposed development is acceptable in terms of layout, appearance and scale and an appropriate landscaping scheme can be accommodated to assimilate the development into its surroundings.

"I am satisfied that the proposed development would allow for the provision and retention of reasonable levels of amenity for the occupants of future and neighbouring properties.

"Subject to conditions I am satisfied that the proposed development is compliant with the Local Plan in respect of drainage, highways and ecology. In principle I consider this scheme should be supported as it will deliver housing on an allocated site in a sustainable location."

Plan for 50-home 'affordable housing' scheme in Scarisbrick

PLANS have been submitted to create a new 50-home 'affordable housing' development in Scarisbrick.

Applicants MBE Construction have submitted a planning application to West Lancs Borough Council to create a mixture of houses and apartments, an access road, landscaping and car parking on the Southport Road site.

The design and access statement submitted with the plans shows the layout for the mixture of two-bedroom and three-bedroom properties – and says that 20% of the developments will fulfil elderly housing needs, while 'all of the accommodation is for affordable housing.'

It states: "The scheme reflects the applicant's full commitment to an inclusive society in which nobody is disadvantaged and where physical barriers and exclusions are designed out. The philosophy of the design is to ensure that the need of people with impairments is considered as an integral part of the development process. By developing an inclusive environment the scheme shall have positive effect on society by benefiting the increasing elderly population."

Local residents have until Friday, June 9 to share their views on the proposals.

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Pupils on course for county games finals

PUPILS from two schools in West Lancs are celebrating after winning places to represent the borough in the finals of a county-wide competition.

Sporty youngsters from Aughton St Michael's CE Primary and Lathom High have both clinched their spots in the SPAR Lancashire School Games county finals where they will compete against teams from 14 other districts to be crowned county champs.

Now in its 11th year, the Lancashire School Games is made up of two main events providing all children in the county with the opportunity to take part in competitive sport.

The mini tennis team from Aughton St Michael's and the handball team from Lathom High will now battle it out for glory alongside 2,000 other youngsters at Blackpool's Stanley Park on Tuesday, July 4.

The Aughton St Michael's CE Primary School mini tennis team

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OFFICIALS of a health watchdog body are urging members of the public in West Lancs to sign up to a new influence group.

Healthwatch Lancashire, the public voice on health and social care in the county, is introducing a series of local Voice Groups to encourage people to have their say and help influence changes to their health and social care services.

And they are seeking to recruit people of all ages and backgrounds for groups in six areas, including West Lancs.

Healthwatch chief executive Sheralee Turner-Birchall

Group members will be encouraged to talk about what matters most to them about the care they receive in their local area as well as be a 'sounding board' for the work of their local Healthwatch.

Sheralee Turner-Birchall, chief executive of Healthwatch Lancashire, said: "We are here to make sure that all people in our communities are listened to and this project aims to give a voice to local people.

"Our voice groups will form a crucial component of our community engagement and will ensure that Healthwatch is applying a collective voice for the residents of Lancashire when it comes down to representing their views."

For more information, visit surveymonkey.co.uk/r/voicegroups.

Simone enjoys a taste of the Spotlight . . .

A STUDENT from West Lancashire College reached the final stages of a prestigious hairdressing contest.

Simone Ashurst was nominated for the Francesco Spotlight competition, created by the award-winning company for students with less than three years' experience.

Nominees were assessed on cut and finish and colouring techniques and Level 2 student Simone created a brown and blonde blended creation on a long-haired model.

Part one of the competition was an in-college photographic heat for which Simone submitted her portfolio to the judges along with 700 other students.

She was selected as one of the final 15 and invited to the live heat at the Stafford academy.

Emma Forgie, Simone's hairdressing tutor, said: "I am unbelievably proud of what Simone created and how far she got in the competition. She is a great student who picks up techniques really quickly."

Huge blaze destroys car workshop site

Report by **Henry James**

MANAGEMENT at a West Lancashire car workshop have said it will be "a long time" before the business is up and running again following a devastating blaze.

Eight appliances and more than 40 firefighters equipped with breathing apparatus attended the fire at RB Motorsport in Mawdesley in the early hours of Friday, May 19.

Crews from Skelmersdale, Chorley, Leyland, Tarleton, Bamber Bridge, Penwortham and Greater Manchester Fire Service, plus a support pump from Fulwood, were called to the Towngate Works in Dark Lane at just after 4.45am.

When they arrived the fire was already well established and they used a Stinger appliance, which jets water down onto the flames, along with three main jets and hosereel jets.

They also utilised foam injected into the water to better extinguish the fuel and oil ignited in the blaze, as well as taking steps to ensure that local drains and watercourses were not contaminated by the water used to fight the fire.

A spokesman for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service said: "The remote location made it necessary to pump water from sources some distance away, which explains the number of fire engines required, one at source pumping to one nearer the fire, then to the next nearest and so on."

The fire at the workshop. Photo courtesy of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

Thankful

Following the incident a statement on RB Motorsport's social media page said: "We are not sure on the full extent of the damage but 99% of everything has been destroyed, unfortunately along with customers' cars, which we are most upset about. Once we have more details we will publish them to keep our customer base informed.

"We hope to be up and back to normal as soon as we can, but, as is understandable, it's going to be a long time before we are up and running again.

"Two things we are thankful for is that no one has been hurt and secondly for all the help and effort that has been offered by everyone involved. We are well and truly thankful for everyone's efforts and the help we've received."

The cause of the blaze is still being investigated.

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Students team up with circus company to put on free shows

PERFORMING arts students are set to partner with a circus company to put on two free shows.

Edge Hill University students are working with a professional circus company, Circus Sensible, to put on the public performances on the St Helens Road campus on Saturday, June 10.

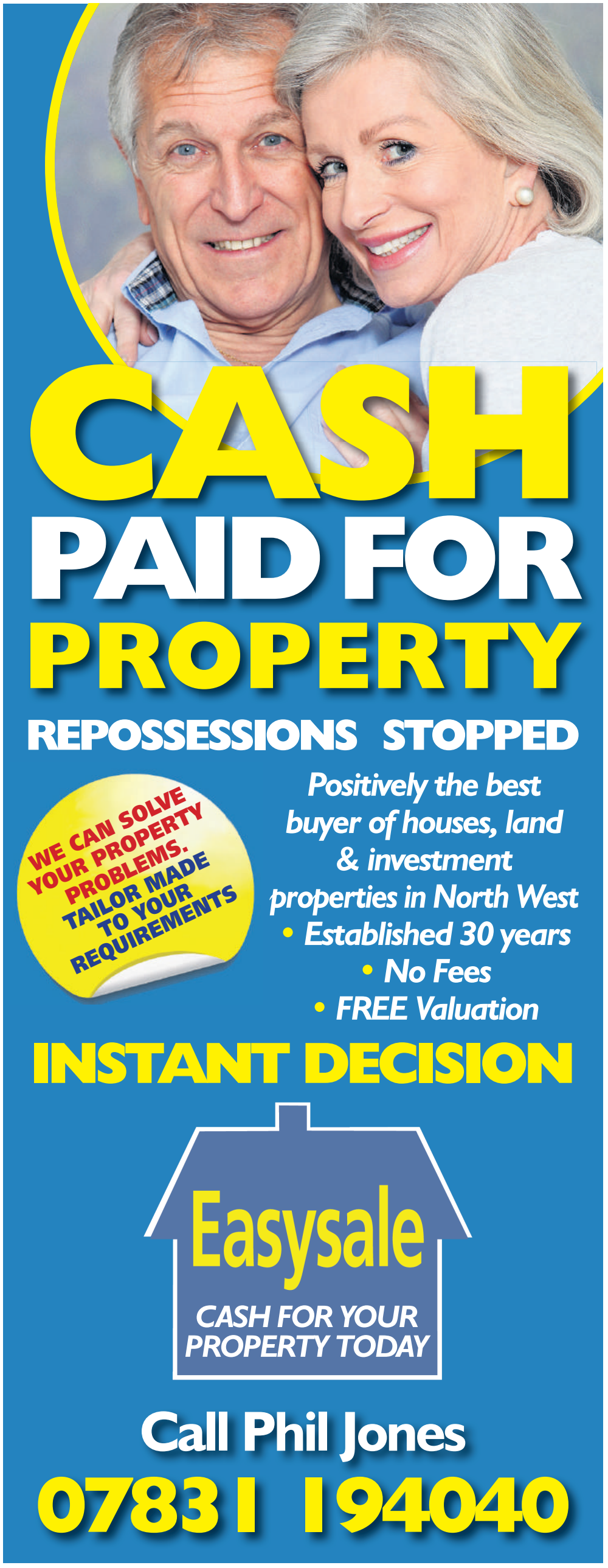
The 18 students from various performing arts courses will also help deliver interactive circus skills workshops for those attending and will even be involved in building the big top.

In the run-up to the public performances, the show will be performed for 100 children from Ormskirk primary schools, and the students will also entertain guests at a private reception to launch the university's Festival of Ideas.

Circus Sensible's Jon Sensible said: "The aim is to give the students real world experience of working as a circus professional and to advise on the skills needed to thrive as a self-employed performer.

"We at Circus Sensible have a large bank of independent practitioners we work with regularly, who specialise in various disciplines from dance to acrobatics, and I hope to see some Edge Hill students join those ranks in the future."

The Beyond the Edge performances are suitable for all the family, and will take place at 11am and 2pm. Book a place at edgehill.ac.uk/events



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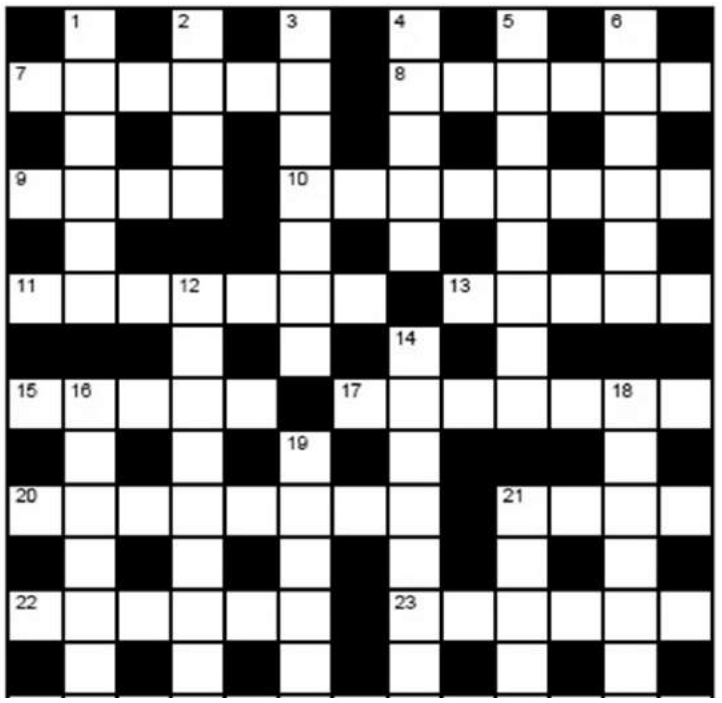

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10. Informal term for a thick slice of bread (8)
11. Word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another (7)
13. Ship's allotted place at a dock (5)
15. One of the seven deadly sins (5)
17. Circular container for carrying hats (7)
20. Most important of the seven hills of ancient Rome (8)
21. Naked (4)
22. Derogatory term for someone with a wooden limb (3,3)
23. Name applied to a broad 1970s movement developed in Western nations characterised by alternative approaches to traditional culture (3, 3)

DOWN

1. In disorder (6)
2. Feudal slave in Medieval times (4)
3. Old-fashioned phrase for a flirtatious look (4, 3)
4. Sharp-bladed instrument used to remove unwanted hair (5)
5. Unfinished business (5, 3)
6. Not making a sound (6)
12. Protective working garments usually worn over everyday clothes (8)
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Psychiatrist's advice to parents on how to support children after terror attack

Report by **Henry James**

IN the wake of the Manchester Arena bomb terror, a leading child psychiatrist with Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is advising parents on how to emotionally support their children to deal with the shock.

Consultant Dr Bernadka Dubicka, chair of the Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Royal College of Psychiatrists, said: "It is normal to feel upset after the tragic Manchester attack. Such terrible events instill fear and sadness within all of us.

"We would not advise hiding your child from what may be on the news or social media. They will inevitably learn about it from their friends, so it's best to be honest with them about what has happened.

"While taking into consideration the age and sensitivity of your child, let them lead the conversation.

"Respond to their questions or concerns, and help them to understand that although what has happened is awful, these events are extremely rare.

Symptoms

"Do not try to force conversations with your child about this, but be there for them should they wish to talk.

"Most children and young people will not show any long-term effects from these events.

"However, a small proportion, particularly those who have been more directly affected, may show symptoms of stress and trauma. For example, they may have problems sleeping, concentrating or may be more anxious.

"If parents are worried about persistent signs of stress and trauma in their children, they should contact their GP."

Health professionals from Lancashire Care also understand that people will be directly or indirectly affected by the attack and that this can lead to very normal and understandably distressing effects of trauma.

Information is available about what people can expect in the days and weeks after a traumatic event and where to get additional help if these experiences persist for several months.

The Lancashire Traumatic Stress Service provides further advice and information which can be found at this web address www.lancashiretraumaticstressservice.nhs.uk.

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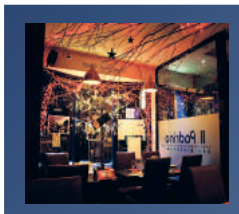

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May half term activities are planned at the gallery with Family Creative Fun days on the crafty menu, both facilitated by professional artists.

Pop up Robots are this Friday, (June 2). The workshops are at 10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 3.30pm on both days. All ages welcome. Adults and under two free when attending with paying children. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

A puppet show called The Fisherman and The Pearl takes place this Saturday (June 3). This story about a fisherman, his granddaughter and a magical pearl, features puppets, storytelling and animation and is recommended for those aged five to 105. Performances are at 11am and 2pm.

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He has also appeared in both Coronation Street and Emmerdale and appeared alongside Danny Dyer in the movie Vendetta.

Sam is an experienced theatre performer, having starred in the musicals Boogie Nights, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Carousel and South Pacific.

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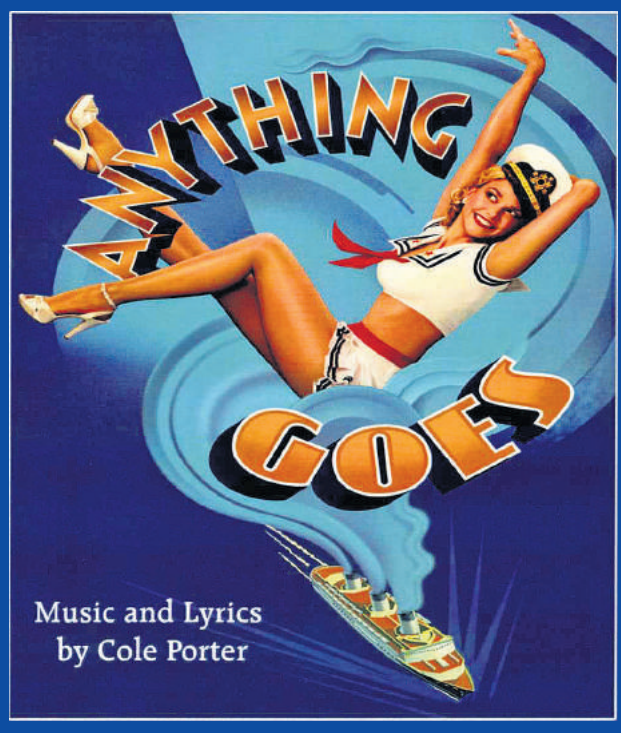

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DEATHS

LLOYD NORMAN STANLEY (STAN)

Age 90

Passed away peacefully at home on 21st May

Sadly missed by his wife Jean, children,grandchildren and great grandchildren.
A celebration of life service will be held at West Lancs Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough.
On Thursday 1st June at 2:30pm.
Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice.

DEATHS

YATES DAVID 'SKIP'

8th August 1949 – 16th May 2017

Passed away peacefully on 16th May

Beloved Dad of Jayne, Ste, Craig, Nick and Mark.

Cherished Grandad of Daisy and Rose.

Funeral Service will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 1st June at 10:00am.

No flowers by request. Donations gratefully received for Spinal Unit Action Group, Southport.

This notice has been reprinted due to a typographical error, for which we sincerely apologise.

COLLETT BESSIE

23rd May 2017

Peacefully at her home in Skelmersdale

Aged 100 years

The dearly loved Wife of the late Jack. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale on Thursday 8th June 2017 at 12.45pm followed by Cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman of H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick.
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WHITTAKER JOHN JAMES

25th May 2017

Peacefully at home

aged 72 years

Dearly loved Husband of Marcia. Much loved Dad of Kevin. Dear Father-In-Law of Melanie. Brother of Frank. John will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him. The Funeral Service will take place at St. John The Evangelist Church, Chapel Lane, Burscough, On Tuesday 6th June at 10:30 followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 11:30. Family flowers only by request but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire, L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770

WALSH PHYLLIS

Formerly of Burscough

Passed away 19th May 2017 aged 83 years

Dearly loved Wife of Thomas. Much loved Mum of Stephen and Paula. Loving Nanny of Adam, Joe and Jemma. Dear Sister of Malcolm. Phyllis will be sadly missed and remembered always. Special thanks to Doctors, nurses and Elm House staff. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 1st June at 11:30am. Family flowers only please, donations to the Alzheimer's Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

OLIVER PATSY

23rd May 2017

Aged 81 years

Died peacefully at Elm House Nursing Home.
Thank you to everyone who looked after her and visited her. Patsy will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
The committal service will be held at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 7th June at 1:20pm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Churchtown at 2:15pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

RIMMER LEN

On 26th May 2017

Suddenly but peacefully at home

aged 81 years

Beloved Husband of Ruth, loving Dad of Stephen and Janet and proud Grandad of Kieran, Elisha, Chloe and Connor.
Len's Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 2nd June at 12:00 noon. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, ITU department. Donations and further enquiries please to M Rushton Funeral Directors
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Tel 01704 214118.

ANDERSON WILFRED

22nd May 2017

Peacefully aged 84 years

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(REDGATE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Redgate, Ormskirk from Cottage Lane to Cottage Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours on Monday 12th June 2017 until 1700 hours on Friday 30th June 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- No Diversion route is available as the route runs to and from Cottage Lane.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Carriageway Inlay works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7704/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SCARTH HILL LANE, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Scarth Hill Lane, Ormskirk from its junction with Whiteleys Lane to its junction with St Helens Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on 07/06/2017 until 1700 hours on 16/06/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Scarth Hill Lane - A570 St Helens Road - A570 Ormskirk Road - Lyelake Lane - A577 Wigan Road - Whiteleys Lane - Scarth Hill Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow utilities works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

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Application No: 2017/0480/FUL Works to 8 and 8a Green Lane to include two storey side and rear extension with change of use of existing ground floor to form a 10 bedroom student accommodation at Town Green Property Services, 8 Green Lane, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/0500/FUL Variation of Condition No. 4 imposed on planning permission 2016/1214/FUL to retain wash house at Robinsons Farm, Cranes Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/0533/FUL Provision of outdoor seating area for four tables (16 covers) at Love To Eat, 2 Burscough Street, Ormskirk.
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 31st May 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT950

PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WHITELEYS LANE, WESTHEAD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Whiteleys Lane, Westhead from Wigan Road to School Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on 07/06/2017 until 04/08/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- School Lane - Wigan Road - Vicarage Lane - Wellfield Lane - Whiteleys Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching and surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7588/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DEANS LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Deans Lane, Newburgh from Frog Lane to Back Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 0600 hours until 1700 hours on Monday 5th June 2017 until Thursday 17th August 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Deans Lane - Hoscar Moss Road - Ring o Bells Lane - Lowry Hill Lane - Course Lane - Back Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway patching and surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7594/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GRANVILLE PARK, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Granville Park from Delph Lane to the boundary of property number 14/16 Granville Park.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours on 12/06/2017 until 1700 hours on 07/07/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Granville Park - Winifred Lane - Granville park and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Carriageway improvement works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7702/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(GREETBY HILL, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Greetby Hill, Ormskirk from Derby Hill Road to Dark Lane.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0700 hours on 12/06/2017 until 1700 hours on 30/06/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Dark Lane - Blythe Lane - Hobcross Lane - Hall Lane - Dicks Lane - A577 Wigan Road - A577 Crosshall Brow - A577 Wigan Road - Moor Street - St Helens Road - Park Road - Church Street - Derby Street West - Stanley Street and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Carriageway improvement works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
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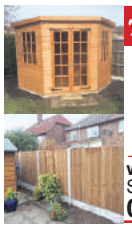
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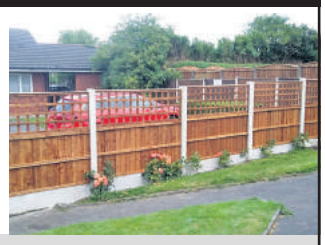
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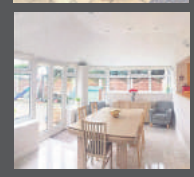

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Lotus makes some of the best handling cars on the market today

Lotus can put controversial past behaviour aside and thrive

Christian Bale could easily play the human version of the troubled car manufacturer...but all is not lost

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IF LOTUS were a bloke he'd have had his life story turned into a Hollywood movie by now – probably with Christian Bale playing the lead role.

It's a compelling enough tale.

A troubled young individual who grew up on a farm in Norfolk ends up hanging out with the world's F1 stars, James Bond and that bloke from The Prisoner.

Then he ends up falling in with a dodgy American entrepreneur and narrowly avoiding jail, losing loads of money in the process – before bouncing back spectacularly by winning Britain's petrolheads over with his charm and character.

But then he gets big ideas of taking on Ferrari, ends up cocking it up again and annoys his accountants.

Lotus has all sorts of baggage attached to it but none of it matters a jot when you're at the helm of one on an open road.

I've driven a couple of Hethel's products over the years and they've all – from the 1970s Elan +2 to a brand new Evora S – been pretty much unbeatable when it comes to ride and handling.

Even the 1990s Elan, which plenty of pub critics will kid you is a bit rubbish because it's front-wheel-drive, was years ahead of its time when it came to mid-bend agility.

But the really important thing about Lotus isn't all those dusty old F1 trophies or the pictures of the (now late) Sir Roger Moore posing next to a white Esprit; it's all the work its engineers do behind the scenes on ordinary, everyday cars.

Vauxhall and Proton are just about the only ones who'll admit to having Lotus experts work on their cars' handling but there are plenty of others who use its services; if your car doesn't corner like a drunken tea trolley then it's probably down to Lotus know-how.

Which is why I'm glad that a majority stake in Lotus has finally been snapped up by Geely, a Chinese manufacturer.

You might not have heard of them but they've owned Volvo for the past seven years, and the Swedes seem to be doing rather well out of it.

I'm optimistic that Lotus will be allowed to thrive with a new influx of cash, rather like Jaguar Land Rover has under Indian ownership.

For too long it's depended on the Evora, a model launched back in 2008, and the Elise, which can trace its roots back to the early 1990s.

Both are brilliant, but with the right investment Lotus should be able to develop some world class cars.

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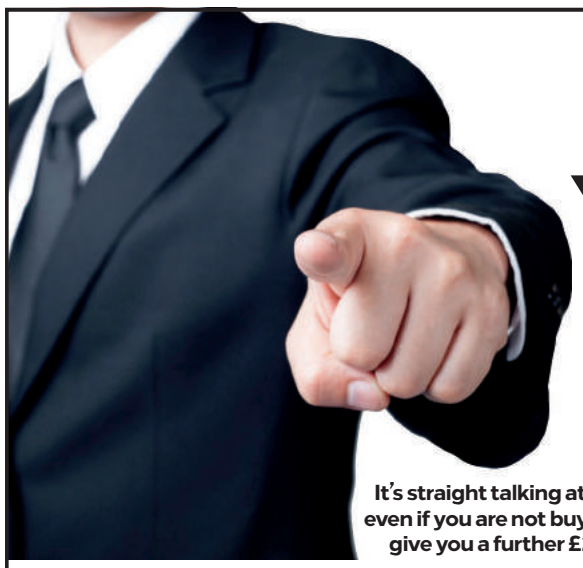

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Interest Charges	£1,031.23
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15	Vauxhall Meriva 1.4 5 Door, 1 Owner, 17000 Miles,Air Con. in White.	£7995	£33.00
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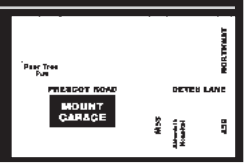

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Former Remyca boss Stafford appointed Bucks joint manager

BOOTLE have appointed former manager of Litherland Remyca, Phil Stafford, as their new joint-manager, ***writes Connor O'Neill.***

Stafford, who guided Remyca to third in the table and lost in the play-off final, will team up with Joe Doran to look after the Bucks' first team.

Before taking over at Remyca, Stafford managed Maghull FC and won the club's first ever West Cheshire League Championship.

Stafford said: "First of all I would just like to thank the Remy for everything we've been through over the past two and a half years.

"It's a great club, with great people behind the scenes.

"I wish the club every success in the future.

"Bootle have made me an offer that I could not turn down and I can't wait to get started at the club.

"In my opinion Bootle are one of the biggest clubs in non-league and a club that has always been close to my heart, having played and captained the side in my playing days.

"When I first stepped into management it was the one job I wanted to be associated with.

"I want to thank Joe and the committee for the opportunity and I will give everything I can to make my time here a success."

Joe Doran added: "I have known Phil since school and we have played in the same teams on more occasions than I can remember.

"We have always shared the same values and vision on how football should be played and I can't wait to get started with Phil.

"He has passion and commitment, but more importantly, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the club and I believe as a team we can achieve our ultimate goal at the club.

"I know he has great affection for the club as do I, so I know neither of us will not rest until we succeed in our targets."

Kerrigan spins Ormskirk to top with 5 wicket haul

WITH New Brighton having no fixture last Saturday Ormskirk took full advantage and climbed up to top spot in the Premier Division of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition with a 31 run home win over Northern, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

The hosts put 242-6 declared up on the board, thanks in no small part to George Lavelle (86) and Gary Knight (62) plus two unbeaten knocks from Simon Kerrigan (31*) and Matty Glayzer (27*).

In reply, runs from skipper James Cole (47), Chris Laker (42) and Justin Snow (40) all gave Northern hope.

But 5-49 from Lancashire spinner Kerrigan helped turn the match in the home side's favour as Northern were dismissed for 211.

Southport & Birkdale suffered a six wicket defeat at home to Bootle. S&B elected to bat and were dismissed for 126 with only Brad Yates (51) and Harry May (33) able to offer much resistance with the bat as Danny Davies 3-17 and Chris Liptrot 3-38 took the bowling honours.

In reply, Michael Farrell (34) and James Hurlin (29) laid the platform for the visitors with a half century stand.

Three quick wickets from former Bootle spinner Chris Cunningham 3-42 gave the hosts a glimmer of hope, before order was finally restored as Davies (33*) and skipper Craig Prince (26*) saw Bootle to victory on 130-4.

Formby wasted no time in seeing off struggling Ainsdale with a convincing nine wicket home win. The visitors had no real answer to the spin of Gary Keedy who returned remarkable figures of 7-10 off 12 very inexpensive overs to help dismiss the visitors for 100, with Faiz Fazal (46) and skipper Andy Barlow (11) the only batsmen to reach double figures.

In reply, Tim le Breton (21) and two unbeaten knocks from James Seward (15*) and Daniel Stanley (54* off 22 balls) saw the hosts romp to victory in the 15th over on 101-1.

Maddocks leads way as Skelmersdale see off Hesketh by eight wickets

In the First Division Skelmersdale beat Fleetwood hesketh by eight wickets.

The hosts elected to bat first with Neil Rimmer (51) and Jack Wrigglesworth (31) top scoring over half of the team's 155 total, as Matthew Fenney 6-51 and Andrew Pickavance 3-56 did the damage with the ball.

In reply, skipper Ben Maddocks (61) and an unbeaten 52 from Saurabh Ambre helped ease the visitors to victory on 157-2.

Burscough suffered a 56 run home defeat at the hands of Rainford, the visitors elected to bat and were dismissed for 135, with Joe Noctor top scoring with 40, while the pick of the bowlers were Ben van Niekirk 5-52 and Chris Andrews 3-43.

In reply, the hosts were bowled out for just 79, with John Dotters 5-20 and Andy Davies 4-21 doing the damage with the ball.

Hightown St Mary's are still searching for their first win of the campaign after a three wicket home defeat by Orrell Red Triangle.

The hosts were bowled out for 162 with Guy Edwards top scoring with 50. In reply, Orrell sealed victory on 166-7 thanks to an unbeaten 60 from Matt Morgan and 43 from Sam Heeley.

In the Second Division Southport Trinity recorded a morale boosting one wicket win at Caldy.

The hosts declared on 224-9 thanks in the main to a century from Haroon Khan (117 inc 21x4 & 2x6), with Tony Campbell 4-49 and Michael Roberti 3-81 taking the majority of the wickets.

In reply, a collective effort from Hayden McCrae (53), Campbell (44), Wim van der Walt (39) and Bobby Eyes (33*) helped lead the Rookerymen last wicket victory on 225-9, with Liam Simms and skipper Geoff Thornton both unbeaten on 11*, while Jordan Free 3-32, Khan 3-33 and Chris Edwards 3-63 took the bulk of the wickets.

Maghull continued their climb up the table with a five wicket home win over Parkfield Liscard, Mohammed Ghafoor hit a century (114 inc 18x4 & 3x6) as the visitors declared on 233-9, with Liam Crilly 4-53 and Anthony Molloy 4-63 taking the bowling honours

In reply, Cameron Lawrenson cracked a run a ball 78, Greg Gillespie 59 and all rounder Crilly 52 as the hosts sealed victory on 234-5.

Burscough suffer 56-run home defeat to Rufford

Former Linnets player Holmes signs Skem deal

SKELMERSDALE United manager Alan Rogers continues to build his squad in preparation for next season's assault on Evo-Stik One North.

After a host of players committed their future to the Stormy Corner club last week, three more players put pen to paper this week, two from last season and one of the stalwarts from local rivals Burscough.

Six foot five inch John Holmes is a big strong powerful player who after joining from Ashton Town became a regular in the number five shirt at Victoria Park, where he played a major part in the Linnets' revival after Christmas that sadly in the end was all vain.

Bevan Burey

Locally based, he made 22 appearances for Burscough. On a lower level reportedly he was captain of the Maricourt School team that won the Echo Cup in 2009 before going on to spend two years with Tranmere Rovers as a scholar.

One of the players that will excite Skelmersdale supporters next season is Bevan Burey, although he only appeared for Skem in what was very much the latter part of last season he made a big impression.

His natural speed and mobility was a major influence as Skelmersdale ended the season in good form.

In the past, he has actually made one Football League appearance for Accrington Stanley, before moving onto a number of clubs including Burscough, Buckley Town, Ramsbottom and Droylsden.

Cameron Glennon makes up this week's trio of signings, originally one of the group of emergency signings Tommy Lawson was forced to bring in at Christmas time, he left Ashton United to join Skem.

He stayed on after Tommy Lawson left and was a player who developed well as the season went on and it could be said that he will benefit from another season under Alan Rogers's tutelage.

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